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## CFCSD Dates To Remember:

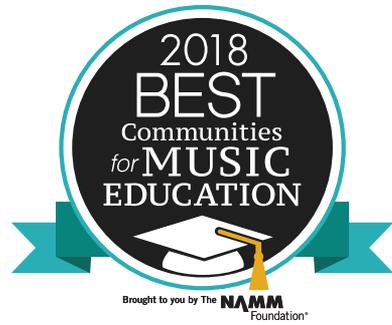
- Apr 28 **Sill Middle School Tour**  
Sill, 10:00am - 1:00pm
- May 3 **“Seniors” Prom Comm. Event**  
CFHS, 5:00pm
- May 8 **Schools Closed**  
All Schools, All Day

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A Special Section Dedicated to Black Tiger Headlines & Achievements

Late April 2018

## CFCSD: Music Education Program Receives National Recognition!



The CFCSD has been honored with the Best Communities for Music Education (BCME) designation from *The NAMM Foundation* for its outstanding commitment to music education.

The BCME designation is awarded to districts that demonstrate outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students. To qualify for the Best Communities designation, CFCSD answered detailed questions about funding, graduation requirements, music class participation, instruction time,

facilities, support for the music program, and community music-making programs. Responses were verified with school officials and reviewed by *The Music Research Institute* at the *University of Kansas*.

This award recognizes that CFCSD is leading the way with learning opportunities as outlined in the *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)*. The legislation guides implementation in the states and replaces the *No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB)*, which was often criticized for an overemphasis on testing while leaving behind subjects such as music. *ESSA* recommends music and the arts as important elements of a well-rounded education for all children.

Research into music education continues to demonstrate educational/cognitive and social skill benefits for children who make music. In a series of landmark studies by scientists and researchers at *Northwestern University*, a link was found between students in community music programs and life-long academic success, including higher high school graduation rates and college attendance. In another study from the University, it was discovered that the benefits of early exposure to music education improves how the brain processes and assimilates sounds, a trait that lasts well into adulthood.

Beyond the *Northwestern* research, other studies have indicated that music education lays the foundation for individual excellence in group settings, creative problem solving and flexibility in work situations, as well as learning how to give and receive constructive criticism to excel.

A 2015 study supported by *The NAMM Foundation*, *“Striking A Chord.”* also outlines the overwhelming desire by teachers and parents for music education opportunities for all children as part of the school curriculum.

### About The NAMM Foundation

*The NAMM Foundation* is a nonprofit supported in part by the *National Association of Music Merchants* and its approximately 10,300 members around the world. The foundation advances active participation in music making across the lifespan by supporting scientific research, philanthropic giving, and public service programs. For more information about the *NAMM Foundation*, please visit [www.nammfoundation.org](http://www.nammfoundation.org).

## Sill Middle School: Limited Access Tours

On Saturday, April 28th from 10:00am until 1:00pm, there will be limited access tours. For those with a fond memory of Sill, or those just interested in the architecture, this is your final chance to see inside the old building prior to demolition this summer.

*Warning: This building has been closed for over ten years. It is dank, dusty, and has debris (from falling tiles, peeling paint, and other deterioration). Safe pathways for viewing have been set up, but those with respiratory and/or allergy issues should be cautious when considering entry.*

## CFCSD: Friend of Education Award



Congratulations to Ron Hyre, CFCSD’s first ever recipient of the District’s *Friend of Education Award!* Hyre was presented with this award at the April 4, 2018 BOE meeting. “I’m humbled by this award. I’ve enjoyed being involved in our school system both as a parent and local business owner and I’m honored to be the first ever recipient. Thank you to Dr. Nichols, the BOE, and anyone else involved in the process,” said Hyre.

The *Friend of Education Award* was established by the Cuyahoga Falls BOE to publicly recognize the volunteer service of an individual, business, organization, or group making unique contributions to the school district that are significant in scope.

Current school district employees are not eligible. However, former employees may be considered based on their service to the school district outside of their course of employment with the district. Previous award recipients are also not eligible.

Potential recipients of the award are nominated by employees of the CFCSD and will be presented to the winner during the October, January, April, or July BOE meeting.

## CFCSD: Present Community Outreach Events

The Cuyahoga Falls City School District is pleased to announce that each month a different building will host a FREE event incorporating various themes and activities. Members of the community are highly encouraged to attend as many events as possible throughout the year.

Please RSVP by calling the school hosting the event if you are attending an event taking place during the school day.

The next Community Outreach Event is a 60’s themed “Senior” Prom at CFHS. This event is scheduled to take place on Thursday, May 3 at 4:30pm to 6:30pm.

# CFCSD: Teachers Work Hard To Create Opportunities

Just this month, our hard-working teachers have been awarded over \$110,000 in grant funding!

## *GAR Foundation Grants*

Holly Bloom and Jennifer Schulman (CFHS) – <i>The Renaissance Coalition</i>	\$9,000
Ashlynn Schindler-Keto and Katelyn Ferrara (CFHS) – <i>Tiger Time News</i>	\$15,000
Nicole Sivado and Andrea Jenigar (CFHS) – Publications for 21st Century	\$14,300
Karen Gedeon (Bolich) – <i>Digital Creation Studio</i>	\$14,300
Alex Oris (Bolich & Roberts) – <i>Sphero Robotics Competitions</i>	\$10,000
Heidi Short and Sarah Suboticki (DeWitt) – <i>Greener and Cleaner</i>	\$9,300
Rebekah Chaffee and Keith Nelman (Preston) – <i>Preston Pride – News on Your Side</i>	\$14,000
Stephanie Petit, Holly Hug, Katie Fetterman (Richardson) – <i>Wellness Begins With Me</i>	\$10,000
Meredith Koch (Silver Lake) – <i>Makerspaces on the Go!</i>	\$14,400
<b>TOTAL GAR</b>	<b>\$110,300</b>

## *Cuyahoga Falls Schools Foundation and Alumni Association Grants*

Victoria Kirgesner (CFHS) – <i>Latin Resources for the Classroom</i>	\$500
Shane Parker (CFHS) – <i>Culture and Climate in the Classroom</i>	\$500
Jennifer Schulman (CFHS) – <i>Bringing Art Education to All – One Tent at a Time</i>	\$480
James Zrelak, Nicole Seward, Dan Scourfield, and Larry Lambright (CFHS) – <i>Feedback Devices for CPR</i>	\$490
Alex Oris (Bolich & Roberts) – <i>Edison Robotics Competition</i>	\$499
Christine Stewart (DeWitt) – <i>Composing in the Cloud</i>	\$500
David Gabor (Price) – <i>Learn to Make, Make to Learn</i>	\$499
Janelle Patchin (Price) – <i>Black Tiger Chefs</i>	\$500
Catherine Beck (Silver Lake) – <i>STEM in Kindergarten</i>	\$490
<b>TOTAL ALUMNI</b>	<b>\$4,458</b>
<b>COMBINED TOTAL (awarded this month)</b>	<b>\$114,758</b>

## Preston: Long-Time Junior Achievement Volunteer



Mrs. Vickie Wine, Preston Elementary volunteer.

For approximately 17 years, Mrs. Vickie Wine of YRC has volunteered as a mentor at Preston Elementary School. During *National Volunteer Week*, she worked with 45 2nd graders from Cindy Pribonic's and Jacqueline Krysh's classrooms on the *JA Our Community* program.

For almost 38 years, Mrs. Wine has worked for YRC (formerly Roadway Express). She is a senior

systems analyst in the Information Technology Department on the Electronic Data Interchange team. She works with YRC's external customers on setting up systems to exchange electronic data with them about their shipments.

When asked, "Why do you like teaching JA?," Wine responded, "I like everything about teaching JA, especially the students! They are always so eager to learn and that makes my job easy. The teaching experience is very rewarding and fun."

Pribonic added, "Thank you for your continued support and for your mentorship, Vickie! We can't wait to work with you again next year."

## Show Your Black Tiger Pride!

As a part of the CFCSD's goal to embrace all newly enrolled students to the District, *Black Tiger Pride* signs are free and available to kindergarten parents and students who register at central office. A limited number of these signs are also available at the main office of each of the schools throughout the District.



# CFCSD: 2018 CF PTA Council Scholarship Recipients!



Congratulations to the Class of 2018 Cuyahoga Falls PTA Scholarship Recipients!

Victoria Rogers: Kenyon College  
*The Bode Memorial* - \$1,000

Robert Read: Northwestern University  
*In Memory of Autumn Tidd/Debbie Sabbagh* - \$750

Noah Spinner: University of Akron  
*Hanna/Wesolowski Helping Hands PTA Council* - \$750

### DeWitt

Brittany Probst: Kent State University  
*In Honor of Jennifer Douglas* - \$500

Kaitlin Kuntz: Ohio State University  
*In Memory of Michael Barrett* - \$500

### Lincoln

Abby Semick: Hiram College  
*Dawn Homer* - \$500

James Bentley: Ohio Wesleyan - \$500

### Preston

Logan Qualls: Harvard University - \$500

### Price

Samanth Booker: Kent State University - \$500

### Richardson

Taylor Martin: Kent State University  
*Amber Hamilton Teacher of the Year* - \$500

Cora Shane: Mount Union - \$500

Aishwarya Nippani: Kent State University - \$500

### Silver Lake

Zach Dunphy: University of Akron - \$500

Kathryn Rozsa: Ohio Wesleyan - \$500

### Bolich

Sarah Wyatt: Youngstown State University - \$500

### Roberts

Marilyn Frank: Kent State University - \$500

### CFHS

Erin Huber: Ohio Wesleyan - \$500

Olivia Wolfman: Mount Union - \$500

Sarah Hiland: University of Akron - \$500

Andrew Goodrich: University of Akron - \$500

Abigail Kubasek: Kent State University - \$500